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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2007.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 35-40 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 35-40 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/23/2005
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1 and 35-40** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,154,839 by *Arrow et al (Arrow)*.

As to **Claims 1, 36 and 39**, *Arrow* discloses an information processing system (Figure 8) comprising: electronic equipment (Remote Machine 812) and a server device (Address Translation Unit 808),

The electronic equipment comprising: an index information (User ID 820, Figure 8) holding section holding index information that is information for obtaining an electronic equipment identifier (Privileged Address 826, Figure 8);

A send information sending section for obtaining index information from the index information holding section and sends send information containing the index information to the server device (A User 810 sends a Data Packet 814 to server device, Address Translation Unit 808, which includes index information User ID 820).

And the server device comprising an electronic equipment related information storage section storing one or more pieces of electronic equipment related information

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(Address Translation Unit 808 stores a pool of privileged addresses related to said electronic equipment. Column 12, Lines 1-16),

An electronic equipment identifier index correspondence management section for storing an electronic equipment identifier corresponded to the index information (The electronic equipment identifier, User ID, is stored for authentication purposes along with the privileged address pool. Column 12, Lines 21-30);

A send information receiving section for receiving the send information from the electronic equipment (Step 904, Figure 9); and

An information accessing section for obtaining the electronic equipment identifier based on the index information contained in the send information received by the send information receiving section (Index information (User ID) is authenticated, electronic equipment identifier (privileged address) is obtained and added to packet. (Figure 9; Column 12).

As to **Claims 35, 37 and 40**, *Arrow* further discloses wherein the information accessing section obtains an electronic equipment identifier based on index information contained in send information received by the send information receiving section, and accesses the electronic equipment related information based on the electronic equipment identifier (Step 908, Figure 9; Column 12, Lines 35-36).

As to **Claim 38**, *Arrow* further discloses an electronic equipment to configure the information processing system according to claim 1 (VPN Management Station 160, Figure 1; Column 9, Lines 19-28).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT MCADAMS whose telephone number is (571)270-3309. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lun-Yi Lao can be reached on 571-272-7671. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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